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SUBJECT: ASHRAF MARWAN VISIT TO IRAQ

- 1. PRESIDENT AL-BAKR AND RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN RECEIVED SEPARATELY FEB 26 PRESIDENT SADAT'S PERSONAL ENVOY ASHRAF MARWAN. EGYPTIAN AMB AL-NAGGAR, WHO ACCOMPAINED HIM ON CALLS, TOLD ME FEB 27 THAT MARWAN HAD COME TO BRIEF GOI ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AND GROMYKO'S RECENT VISITS TO CAIRO.
- 2. WITHOUT GOING IN TO SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE TO IRAQIS, AL-NAGGAR SAID IT WAS PART OF CONTINUING EGYPTIAN EFFORT TO KEEP GOI INFORMED AND TO ENCOURAGE IT TO OPERATE WITHIN CONTEXT OF ARAB LEAGUE. THUS FAR, AL-NAGGAR IS ENCOURAGED THAT EGYPTIAN EFFORT IS HAVING MODERATING INFLUENCE ON GOI POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.
- 3. COMMENT: IN AL-AHRAM INVTERVIEW PUBLISHED FEB 22 RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN DIFFERED WITH RECENT STATEMENTS OF BAATH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WHICH HAVE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ENDORSED "REJECTIONIST" FRONT. SADDAM SAID, "WE HAVE NOT ABANDONED AND NEVER WILL ABANDON PLO. IRAQ IS

THROWING ITS DOORS WIDE OPEN TO THE PLO AND ALL STRUGGLING BROTHERS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION". THIS IS ONE OF MANY RECENT EXAMPLES OF GOI ADOPTING POLICIES CONSIDERABLY LESS EXTREME THAN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. ON ME SETTLEMENT IN GENERAL, GOI HAS MADE VIRTUALLY NO RECENT STATEMENTS. LOWRIE

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